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## THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE PRESENT INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A nail polish removing device (1) comprising:

a container (4) defining a nail polish removing solution compartment in a bottom part thereof, and having a side wall with an opening disposed above the solution compartment, the opening dimensioned to receive that portion of a foot to be cleansed or treated, and

a porous and pliable medium (2) disposed in said container (4) at least partly above said solution compartment and in contact with said solution so that when the device (1) is in use, the solution at least partly permeates the medium (2), said medium (2) having a slot or cavity (3) dimensioned to receive that portion of the foot to be cleansed or treated, the slot or cavity (3) disposed in alignment with the opening so that a portion of a user's foot can be inserted laterally through the opening into the slot or cavity (3).

- 2. The device (1) according to claim 1, wherein the container further comprises a ledge (6) disposed at bottom of said opening, the ledge (6) dimensioned to rest the user's foot when that portion of the foot to be cleansed or treated is inserted through the opening.
- 3. The device (1) according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising a container cover (7) dimensioned to substantially seal the container (1) against a loss of the solution when the device (1) is not in use.
- The device (1) according to any one of claims 1 to 3, further comprising non-skid means
  (5) for enhancing attachment of the device (1) to a substrate when the device (1) is in use.
- 5. The device (1) according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein said container (4) is made of plastic.
- 6. The device (1) according to any one of claims 1 or 5, wherein said porous and pliable medium (2) is a sponge or foam.

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7. The device (1) according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein said nail polish removing solution is transferred from said solution compartment to said porous and pliable medium (2) by capillary transfer.

- 8. The device (1) according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein said nail polish removing solution is transferred from said solution compartment to said porous and pliable medium (2) by agitation.
- 9. The use of the device (1) according to any one of claims 1 to 8 to remove nail polish from toes.
- 10. A therapeutic cleansing device (1) comprising:

a container (4) defining an active solution compartment in a bottom part thereof, and having a side wall with an opening disposed above the solution compartment, the opening dimensioned to receive that portion of a foot to be cleansed or treated, and

a porous and pliable medium (2) disposed in said container (4) at least partly above said active solution compartment and in contact with said active solution so that when the device (1) is in use, the active solution at least partly permeates the medium (2), said medium (2) having a slot or cavity (3) dimensioned to receive that portion of the foot to be cleansed or treated, the slot or cavity (3) disposed in alignment with the opening so that a portion of a user's foot can be inserted laterally through the opening into the slot or cavity (3).

- 11. The device according to claim 10, wherein said active solution is either a medicinal solution or a cleansing solution.
- The use of the device according to claim 10 or 11 to treat a portion of the foot.
- 13. The use of the device according to claim 10 or 11 to cleanse a portion of the foot.
- 14. The device (1) according to any one of claims 10 to 13, wherein the container further comprises a ledge (6) disposed at bottom of said opening, the ledge (6) dimensioned

to rest the user's foot when that portion of the foot to be cleansed or treated is inserted through the opening.

- 15. The device (1) according to any one of claims 10 or 14, further comprising a container cover (7) dimensioned to substantially seal the container (1) against a loss of the solution when the device (1) is not in use.
- 16. The device (1) according to any one of claims 10 to 15, further comprising non-skid means (5) for enhancing attachment of the device (1) to a substrate when the device (1) is in use.
- 17. The device (1) according to any one of claims 10 to 16, wherein said container (4) is made of plastic.
- 18. The device (1) according to any one of claims 10 or 17, wherein said porous and pliable medium (2) is a sponge or foam.
- 19. The device (1) according to any one of claims 10 to 18, wherein said nail polish removing solution is transferred from said solution compartment to said porous and pliable medium (2) by capillary transfer.
- 20. The device (1) according to any one of claims 10 to 19, wherein said nail polish removing solution is transferred from said solution compartment to said porous and pliable medium (2) by agitation.